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DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

# **AU FESTIVAL BAND ITALY TOUR**

**Alan Mitchell, Director**

**Gary Cooper, Trombone & Bass Soloist**

**Robert Leal, Assistant Director**  
**Sebastian Serrano, Graduate Student Conductor**



**Chiesa di Saint 'Ignazio**  
**Piazza Ignazio, Rome, Italy**  
**Sunday, March 13 - 1:30 pm**

**Church of Santa Christina**  
**Bologna, Italy**  
**Monday, March 14 - 9:00 pm**

**Teatro Sperimentale**  
**Pesaro, Italy**  
**Tuesday, March 15 - 9:00 pm**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to welcome you to hear the Andrews University Festival Band. Alan Mitchell of our Music Department is leading it, and a good many of our young musicians are performing.

Music is a special gift from our creator to every human being. Some of us enjoy listening to it, others perform it skillfully, and still others are able to hear it even before it is played and to write it down. Each of these musical gifts will be on display in the performance of the Festival Band. The music department in Andrews University, which sponsors these performances, enjoys a long history of music education, music making, as well of composition thanks to its talented teachers and students. We are pleased to share some of these musical gifts with you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Niels-Erik Andreasen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Niels-Erik Andreasen  
President

## ABOUT THE AU FESTIVAL BAND

The Andrews University Festival Band consists of members from the AU Wind Symphony, Andrews Academy Concert Band (AA), Battle Creek Academy Concert Band (BCA), and the Indiana Academy Concert Band (IA). Acceptance into all organizations is by audition.

The Wind Symphony maintains a significant travel schedule throughout the Great Lakes area, and seeks to provide high quality music programs and concerts representative of Adventist education and Andrews University. In addition the Wind Symphony periodically undertakes major tours out of the Great Lakes region. The Wind Symphony has performed in Spain, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Canada, and throughout the United States.

If you would like more information about the Music Department's program, scholarships, or music careers please contact Chairman, Department of Music, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0230 USA.

## **ABOUT THE DIRECTOR**

**ALAN MITCHELL** is an Assistant Professor of Music at Andrews University. His teaching responsibilities include the Wind Symphony and music education courses for the B.M. and M.M. in Music Education degrees. His performance organizations have performed throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. Mr. Mitchell has also served as clinician, guest conductor and adjudicator throughout the United States. Prior to coming to Andrews University, he taught at Auburn Adventist Academy, Washington; Platte Valley Academy, Nebraska; John North High School, California; and in the Fountain Valley Elementary School District, California.

Mr. Mitchell holds both B.A. and M.A. degrees in Music from California State University at Long Beach. He is currently a candidate for a D.M.A. in Wind Conducting/Music Education at the University of Cincinnati - College Conservatory of Music. His major conducting professors were Eugene Corporon and Mallory Thompson. He has received additional conducting studies from Michael Haithcock, Ron Johnson, John Whitwell, and Allan McMurray. He has professional membership with the Music Educators National Conference, College Band Directors National Association, honorary membership in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, the International Adventist Musicians Association and the World Association of Bands and Ensembles.

## **ABOUT THE GUEST ARTIST**

**GARY COOPER** is Artist in Residence in the St. Joseph Schools. He teaches at Citadel Arts Center in Benton Harbor and also teaches privately. He continues to perform as a Vocalist and Principal Trombonist with the St. Joseph Municipal Band and plays Principal Trombone in the Southwest Michigan Symphony and the Whiting Park Festival Orchestra. Gary also performs with several brass quintets; SMSO Brass Quintet, Quintessence Brass, and with North American Brass Company in the Southwest Michigan and Indiana areas. He is active as a clinician and soloist in the Midwest area.

## **ABOUT THE GUEST DIRECTOR**

**ROBERT LEAL** is a dedicated and enthusiastic Adventist educator currently serving as the Indiana Academy band director and Cicero Adventist Elementary School music teacher. After graduating from Valley Grande Adventist Academy in 1986, Mr. Leal enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served for 22 years as a military musician and band conductor. He has a B.S. in Secondary Education, a M.Ed. in Elementary Education, and is currently pursuing a Masters of Music Education from VanderCook College of Music. He is married to Gracie Segovia Leal and they have three wonderful children named Jessica, Chloe', and Elijah. Most importantly, Mr. Leal wants to share his love of Christ with others. He believes God has given us the great gift of choice and he wants to choose to serve Him every day.

## **ABOUT THE GRADUATE STUDENT DIRECTOR**

**SEBASTIAN SERRANO AYALA** is a 25-year old musician, born in Medellin, Colombia. He earned a B.A. in Music Education from the Adventist University of Colombia (UNAC) in 2011.. In 2012, he traveled to the Philippines and earned a M.A. in Music Education from the Adventist University of the Philippines.

Mr. Serrano is currently completing a MMUS in Conducting at Andrews University, under the tutelage of Alan Mitchell. He has received additional conducting studies with John E. Williamson at Central Michigan University and Courtney Snyder, John Pasquale, and Michael Haithcock at University of Michigan. Sebastian has just been accepted into the D.M.A in Wind Conducting program at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music for the Fall 2016 term.

# TOUR REPERTOIRE

**Ecstatic Fanfare** (2012) .....Steve Bryant

**Yellow and Green from “Colors”** (1999)..... Bert Appermont

*Gary Cooper, Trombone Soloist*

**Be Thou My Vision** (2004) ..... Travis J. Cross

*Robert Leal, Assistant Director*

**Joy in All Things** (2012) .....Brian Balmages

**On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss** (1989)..... David R. Holsinger

*Robert Leal, Assistant Director*

**Chester** (1957) ..... William Schuman

*Sebastian Serrano, Graduate Student Director*

**O Magnum Mysterium** (2003)..... Morten Lauridsen

**Second Prelude** (1964)..... George Gershwin

**All I Ask of You** (2015)..... Andrew Webber/Jerry Lackey

*Gary Cooper, Bass Soloist*

**Rejouissance** (1988) .....James Curnow

# AU FESTIVAL BAND

**ALAN MITCHELL, DIRECTOR**

**Sebastian Serrano, Graduate Assistant**  
**Anna Rorabeck, Undergraduate Assistant**  
**Ricky Reyna, Undergraduate Assistant**

## **PICCOLO**

+Becky Vajdic

## **FLUTE**

Michaela Souza  
Stacey DePluzer  
Tatiana Knepp  
Elizabeth Atencio (AA)  
Jessica Leal (IA)  
Jade Magluyan (IA – Vln)

## **OBOE**

Willaglys Senior

## **BASSOON**

Alexandra Castro  
Kristianna Eaton (cello)

## **CLARINET**

+Gabe Halsey  
David Ratajik  
Jenae Fleming  
Givan Hinds (LLU)  
John-Luke Navarro  
Kaylene Fraser  
Joy Ngugi  
Richard Ulangca

## **BASS CLARINET**

Jonathan Doram

## **ALTO SAXOPHONE**

+Sebastian Serrano  
L'Mar Hall  
Joanna Marhanka  
Carlton Nyack  
Justin Johnson (AA)

## **TENOR SAXOPHONE**

Jariel Fleming

## **BARITONE SAXOPHONE**

Ginger Ebanks

## **HORN**

Ana Lozano  
Josie Ticar  
\*Michael Marsh  
\*Tori Steely (BCA)  
TJ Anderson (BCA)

## **TRUMPET**

+Ricky Reyna  
\*Mary Davidson  
Brittany Ronto  
Randall Ulangca  
\*Bruce Wright  
James-Andrew Hearn  
Alexandria Ansinn  
Marc-Henry Metellus  
Katie Starkey

## **TROMBONE**

+Kenneth Andrade  
Tyler Ronto  
Monika Ansinn  
Jake Essex (BCA)

## **EUPHONIUM**

\*Sherrie Davis  
\*Robert Steele  
#Roberto Leal (IA/Dir.)

## **TUBA**

+Andrew Walayat  
Matthew Jarrard (AA)

## **STRING BASS**

Talia Oeftger (BCA)

## **PERCUSSION**

+Anna Rorabeck  
Zaveon Waiters  
D'Shauna Edwards  
Nathan Horvath (AA)  
\*Ron Hull

+ Section Leader

\* Community

## **CHAPERONE/SPOUSE**

Susan Ratajik  
Nancy Mitchell  
Weva Magluyan (IA)  
Wendy Ronto  
Anita Hull